

# RePurpose Discovering Fresh Purpose in Retirement

## Seminar 2: 'Vocation or Vacation – God's Retirement Plan for your Life'

As we transition into retirement big questions can come up for us about our identity, purpose and location. Who am I now? What's my vocation? Should we relocate to the countryside? In this seminar we'll discover that who we are, where we are and what we do continues to matter to God. Come and discover God's retirement plan for your life.

### William Bridges: 'Transitions – Making Sense of Life's Changes'

'a process of disorientation and reorientation that marks the turning points of growth and self-renewal.'



**IDENTITY:** Now that I'm retired, who am I?

- The good cannot be lost
- The evil can be redeemed
- And the best is yet to come

**\*\* John Wyatt**



## Exodus 19:1-8

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt – on that very day – they came to the Desert of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, ‘This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> “You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations **you will be my treasured possession**. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you<sup>[a]</sup> will be for me **a kingdom of priests** and a holy nation.” These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.’

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak. <sup>8</sup> The people all responded together, ‘We will do everything the Lord has said.’ So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

**1 Peter 2:9-10** ‘But you are a **chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.’



### RePurpose Pause:

Having heard that, how would you describe your God-given identity in your own words?





**CONTEXT:** Now that I'm retired, where am I?

MY FRONTLINE...



**Jeremiah 29:7**

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

**Map My Frontline**

- What are the places and activities that bring you into contact with people who aren't Christians? In other words, where are your frontlines?
- Since retiring, what new frontlines have you gained, and how have existing frontlines changed?



**PURPOSE:** Now that I am retired, what do I do?

## Vocation...

- To Steward the Earth
- To be disciples of Jesus
- To Belong to the Church
- To Participate in God's Mission

## 6 M's of Fruitful Lives



## **'Meet the Mourners'**

<b>AREA OF LIFE</b>	<b>THE LEGACY YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE</b>	<b>THINGS GOD IS PROMPTING YOU TO PRAY FOR IN THIS AREA</b>
<b>Your church community</b>		
<b>Your Family</b>		
<b>Where you live</b>		
<b>One of your Frontlines</b>		

## God's Retirement Plan for My Life

Area of Focus	My Plans to Grow	When?
<b>My Frontline</b>	What steps can I take to grow my connection with my Frontline?	
<b>My Calling</b>	What steps do I need to take towards living out my calling? Are there any practices/habits to develop?	
<b>My Season</b>	As I enter this new season what steps can I take towards living out God's purpose for my life now?	

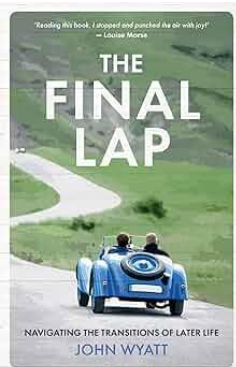
## Resources to help you...



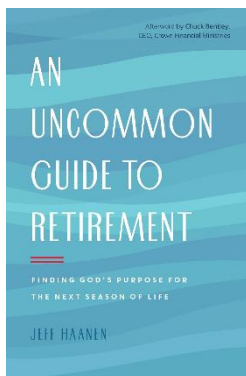
REPURPOSE is LICC's free downloadable resource to help you transition into the season of retirement. [RePurpose: Discover Fresh Purpose in Retirement | LICC](#)

Retirement isn't really about retiring.

RePurpose is a six-session discussion guide for anyone looking to grow as a disciple in retirement.



John Wyatt helpfully helps us think about three key transitions that happen in later life: from paid work to retirement; from independence to dependence and from life to death.



Learn how to discern what retirement is by taking an uncommon approach. Jeff Haanen looks biblically and practically at the need for rest and purpose in retirement. And teaches you how to:

- Take a sabbatical rest in early retirement
- Listen to God's voice for their calling in retirement
- Rethink "work" in retirement
- Understand family systems and leaving a legacy



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